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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Polly and Murry Bowden of Houston have been named
2 the recipients of the Alice Graham Baker Crusader Award by
3 Neighborhood Centers in recognition of their philanthropic
4 leadership; and

5 WHEREAS, Established in 1907, Neighborhood Centers is today a
6 network of more than 60 service sites that benefit emerging
7 neighborhoods in 48 counties across Texas; the organization named
8 its most prestigious award after its esteemed founder; and

9 WHEREAS, Murry Bowden is chair and chief executive officer of
10 Hanover Company, a real estate investment firm that specializes in
11 the development of multifamily residential properties; highly
12 engaged in civic life, he has given generously of his time and
13 expertise not only to Neighborhood Centers, but also to United Way
14 of Greater Houston, Baylor College of Medicine, Holocaust Museum
15 Houston, the National Football Foundation, and the College Football
16 Hall of Fame; and

17 WHEREAS, Raised in West Texas, Mr. Bowden is a graduate of
18 Dartmouth College and The University of Texas School of Law; he was
19 inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2003 and was
20 honored by the Ivy Football Association in 2011 as an Ivy League
21 graduate who has become a leader in his profession; and

22 WHEREAS, Polly Bowden grew up in Northbrook, Illinois, and
23 completed her bachelor's degree in journalism at the University of
24 Colorado before going on to study at the Art Institute of Houston; a

1 sustaining member of the Junior League of Houston, she chaired the
2 organization's first Habitat for Humanity building project; she has
3 also volunteered extensively for the Kinkaid School,
4 CHI-St. Luke's Friends of Nursing, the Museum of Fine Arts, and the
5 Houston--Bayou Bend Committee; and

6 WHEREAS, Through their many endeavors in behalf of their
7 community, Polly and Murry Bowden have contributed significantly to
8 the quality of life in Houston, and they have earned the deep
9 respect and appreciation of their fellow citizens; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
12 Legislature hereby recognize February 16, 2017, as Polly and Murry
13 Bowden Day and congratulate the Bowdens on their receipt of the
14 Alice Graham Baker Crusader Award from Neighborhood Centers; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Bowden as an expression of high regard by
18 the Texas House of Representatives.